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**DPS Launches Website on Lamoille
Transmission Upgrade Project**

Montpelier, VT -- The Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS) has launched a website devoted to the Lamoille Transmission Upgrade Project (LTUP) in order to provide comprehensive, up-to-date information to the communities that will be affected by the project. The LTUP is a proposal by the Vermont Electric Company (VELCO), the Stowe Electric Department and Green Mountain Power (GMP) to construct a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from northern Duxbury to Stowe, along with other associated system upgrades. The proposal is currently the subject of a case (Docket 7032) before the Vermont Public Service Board.

The new website includes information about the proposed LTUP, as well as comprehensive information about Docket 7032, such as links to all testimony filed in the case and all Public Service Board orders. In addition, the site includes information about issues of public interest concerning this project and transmission upgrades in general.

"One role of the Department of Public Service is to provide information to Vermonters that allows them to be effective participants in utility-related matters," said DPS Commissioner David O'Brien. "In addition, the complexities of litigation before the Public Service Board can be daunting to the individual citizen who wants to stay informed. This site is a convenient and accessible way for people in the affected communities and beyond to get comprehensive and current information about this complex case," he continued.

The new website is contained within the larger DPS pages. The site can be reached from the Department of Public Service home page at <http://www.state.vt.us/psd> or directly at <http://www.state.vt.us/psd/Lamoille/home.htm>. Currently posted resources include all case filings that are available electronically, background information about the "Section 248" process under which the project must receive approval, glossaries of terms, information about public participation options, and links to other related sites. Future additions will include fact sheets and question-and-answer pages on key topics related to transmission and the LTUP specifically.

DPS is currently assembling a contact list of people known to have an interest in the Lamoille Transmission Upgrade Project to inform them of the available web resources as new material is posted. To participate in the contact list or for more information about the Lamoille Transmission Upgrade Project, contact the DPS at (802) 828 2811, email the DPS at outreach@state.vt.us or visit the website.

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